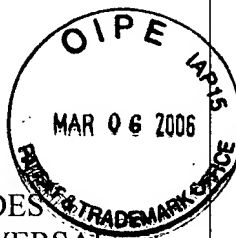


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 4, 2005, Applicants present the following Amendments and Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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